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SUBJECT: MICA

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1. WE APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED ADDITIONAL
GSA STOCKPILE DISPOSAL.

2. WE AREPUZZLED BY MIA'S DECISION NOT TO SEND DELEGATION TO MEET
WITH GOI TO DISCUSS FULL RANGE OF MICA SUPPLY PROBLEMS. GOI IS
CERTAIN TO BELIEVE THAT MIA HAS MADE NO REAL EFFORT TO RESOLVE
SUPPLY PROBLEMS AND THAT FURTHER GSA DISPOSALS AR EITHER AN AT-
TEMPT TO PUT ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON GOI TO MODIFY EXPORT POLICIES
AND/OR ATTEMPT TOTALLY TO DISPLACE COMMERCIAL SALES. EITHER
OF THESE WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE ACTIONS UNDER EXISTING USG POLI-
CIES.

3. WE NOTE THAT ISSUE OF GSA STOCKPILE DISPOSALS HAD ARISEN
EARLIER AND THAT ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE DECISION WAS WORKED OUT.
PROPOSED NEW ACTION RAISES QUESTION OF GOOD FAITH BY MIA AND GSA.
IT IS PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT JOINT COM-
MISSION MEETING WHICH INTER ALIA PRAISED THE COMPROMISE WORKED OUT
ON STOCKPILE DISPOSAL.

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4. EMBASSY IS NOT IN A POSITION TO EVALUATE ALL OF MIA'S COM-

PLAINTS ABOUT INDIAN SUPPLIES BUT DOES NOT DOUBT THAT THERE ARE GENUINE DIFFICULTIES. WAY TO RESOLVE THEM IS BY DIRECT DISCUSSION. IF MIA WERE WILLING TO SEND DELEGATION TO INDIA, EMBASSY WOULD BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN TALKS TO EXTENT OF EVALUATING MERITS OF CASE AND LIKLIHOOD OF AMICABLE RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES. AFTER SUCH TALKS WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS ON SPECIFICS OF PROPOSED GSA ACTION.

5. GOI REACTION TO PROPOSAL IS CERTAIN TO BE EXTREMELY NEGATIVE DUE TO TIMING AND CONTENT. AT A TIME WHEN GOI IS MAKING EFFORT TO DEVELOP COMMERCIAL TIES TO US THIS PROPOSED ACTION IS CERTAIN TO GIVE AMMUNITION TO GOI AND LEFTIST CRITICS THAT US IS NOT RELIABLE TRADING PARTNER AND USG IS NOT SINCERE IN EFFORTS TO BUILD UP TIES. SCHNEIDER

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